

Claim 31, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 20 to 30," to -- Claim 20,--.

Claim 32, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 2 to 19," to -- Claim 2,--.

Claim 33, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 20 to 28 and 31," --Claim 20,--.

Claim 40, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 35 to 39," --Claim 35,--.

Claim 41, line 2, change "Claim 36 or 37," to --Claim 36,--.

Claim 45, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 35 to 39," to --Claim 35,--.

Claim 46, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 34 to 45," to --Claim 34,--.

Claim 47, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 2 to 46," to --Claim 2,--.

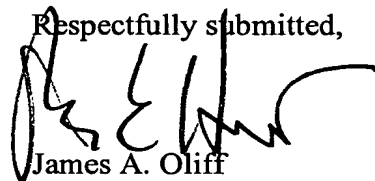
Claim 48, lines 2-3, change "any one of Claims 2, 3, 5 to 10, 12 to 31, and 33 to 46"
to --Claim 2,--.

Claim 49, lines 2-4, change "any one of Claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 23, 24, 26, 27, 38, 39
and 42 to 44," to --Claim 7,--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment claims 9, 12-16, 18, 25,
28, 30-33, 40, 41, and 45-49 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Favorable
consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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